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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

FROM: Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the 112th NFIB Meeting;
13 October 1982, 1500-1600 Hours

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Summary of Decisions:

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The Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the NFIB principals, approved SNIE 11/20-3-82: INF: The West Europeans and the Soviets, subject to changes agreed to during the meeting.

The Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the NFIB principals, approved the draft IIM: Soviet Ballistic Missile Defense, subject to changes discussed during the meeting. The DCI directed that this paper be issued as a National Intelligence Estimate.

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. SNIE 11/20-3-82: INF: The West Europeans and the Soviets

The DCI, Mr. William J. Casey, asked the Chairman, National Intelligence Council, Mr. Henry Rowen, to sponsor the estimate. Mr. Rowen described the genesis of the estimate in relation to negotiations on the subject, and he introduced the National Intelligence Officer for USSR-Eastern Europe, Mr. Stanley Moskowitz, to present the estimate for Board consideration.

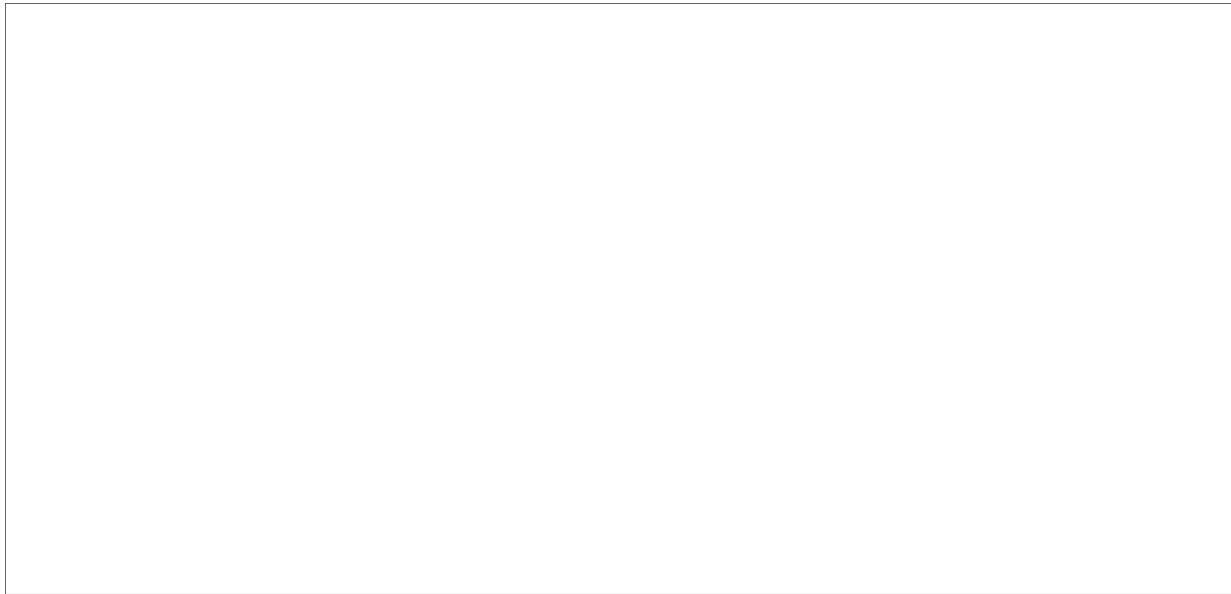
Mr. Moskowitz said that Brezhnev's postulation of what was described as an "analogous position" with particular reference to Cuba and to submarines off the US coast gave added urgency to the estimate.

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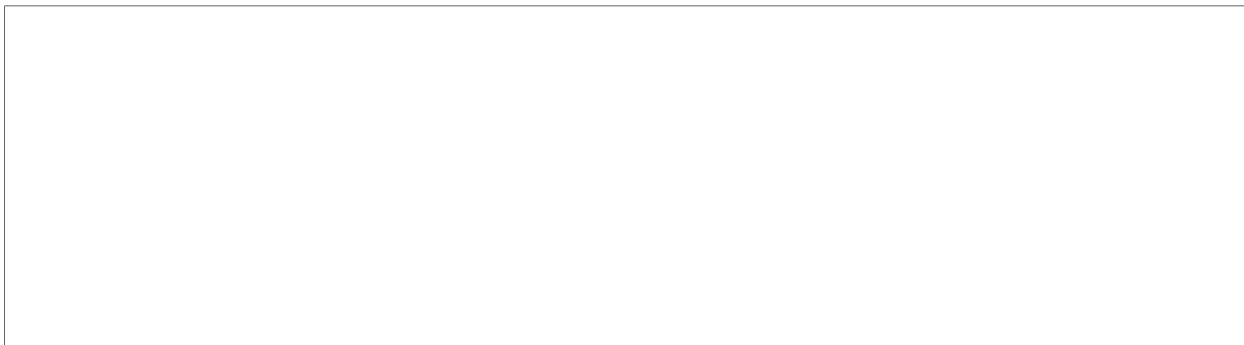


A number of changes, which had been distributed to the principals, were considered and incorporated into the text. [redacted] 25X1

Mr. Casey said that the estimate was a valuable survey, particularly of the problems facing the governments in Western Europe. It might not be considered as too helpful by those who deal with these problems on a day-to-day basis, but the estimate does place the issues into perspective. [redacted] 25X1

The State/INR representative, Mr. Herman Cohen, said that the estimate should prove to be most useful for those who were dealing with specific issues daily. [redacted] 25X1

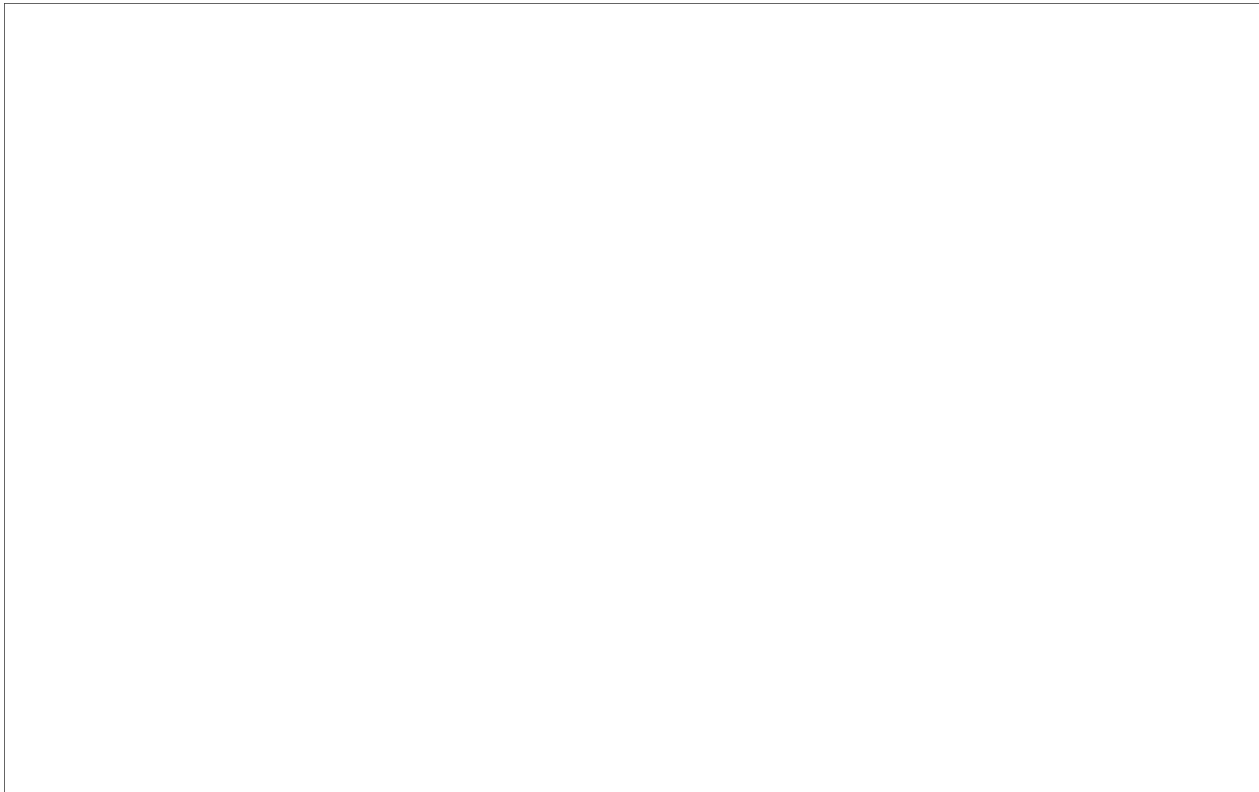
The CIA representative, Mr. Robert Gates, said that while it was useful to state judgments for the record and to put them into a broader perspective, he emphasized the view that the Intelligence Community should concentrate on areas where we had unique insights. [redacted] 25X1

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2. IIM: Soviet Ballistic Missile Defense

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Mr. Casey opened consideration of this paper by noting the importance and the complexity of the subject. The IIM managed to rise above a discussion of the technical issues and presented a useful summary of the range of differing judgments. In order to make it more useful to the policymakers, he directed that the Key Judgments be reduced from 22 to four or five pages and that this section stress the key elements which have implications for policymakers. For example, the range of conclusions as to the Soviet capability to deploy a widespread ABM system and how long it is likely to take should be stated clearly in the Key Judgments; the arguments and details should be relegated to the discussion section. [REDACTED]

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The Key Judgments should highlight the implications for the United States stemming from the fact that we would have little advance knowledge of a Soviet decision to deploy an ABM system. An ABM race would put the United States at an initial disadvantage and would change perceptions of, if not the reality, of the strategic balance. These are the critical questions, and again the differences in judgments could be covered in the discussion. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Casey observed that a lot of people had done a lot of hard work on this very important subject [REDACTED]

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NFIB Meeting, 13 October 1982, 1500-1600 Hours

THOSE PARTICIPATING

Mr. William J. Casey, Chairman
Mr. Robert Gates, Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Herman Cohen, Acting for Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Lieutenant General James A. Williams, U.S. Army, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Lieutenant General Lincoln D. Faurer, U.S. Air Force, Director, National Security Agency
Mr. Edward C. Aldridge, Under Secretary of the Air Force
Mr. Douglas Mulholland, Special Assistant to the Secretary (National Security), Department of Treasury
Mr. Edward J. O'Malley, Assistant Director, Intelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Brigadier General Roy Strom, U.S. Army, Acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Mr. Clarke Magruder, Acting for Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Brigadier General Schuyler Bissell, U.S. Air Force, Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Air Force
Mr. John Guenther, Acting for Director of Intelligence, United States Marine Corps
Mr. Troy Wade, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, Department of Energy

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THOSE ATTENDING

[] Acting Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff
Mr. Henry Rowen, Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Mr. Lawrence Gershwin, NIO for Strategic Programs
Mr. Stan Moskowitz, NIO for USSR-Eastern Europe

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Summary of Actions Completed

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**1. DCI Directive on National Photographic Interpretation
(NFIB-5.1/88)**

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On 9 September 1982, the Director, with the concurrence of the NFIB principals, approved the DCID on NPIC. []

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2. NIE 56-82: The Philippines Under Marcos--His Prospective Legacy and US Interests (NFIB-13.1/121)

On 7 September 1982, the Deputy Director, with the concurrence of NFIB, approved the NIE 56-82. []

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3. SNIE 91-2-82: Argentina's Nuclear Policies in Light of the Falklands Defeat (Memorandum for Holders-1 of NFIB-13.1/123)

On 17 September 1982, the Director, with the concurrence of NFIB, approved SNIE 91-2-82. []

5. SNIE 55-82: Indonesia: Soeharto's "New Order" Regime in the Troublesome 1980s (Memorandum for Holders-1 of NFIB-13.1/127)

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On 12 October 1982, the Director, with the concurrence of NFIB, approved SNIE 55-82. []

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